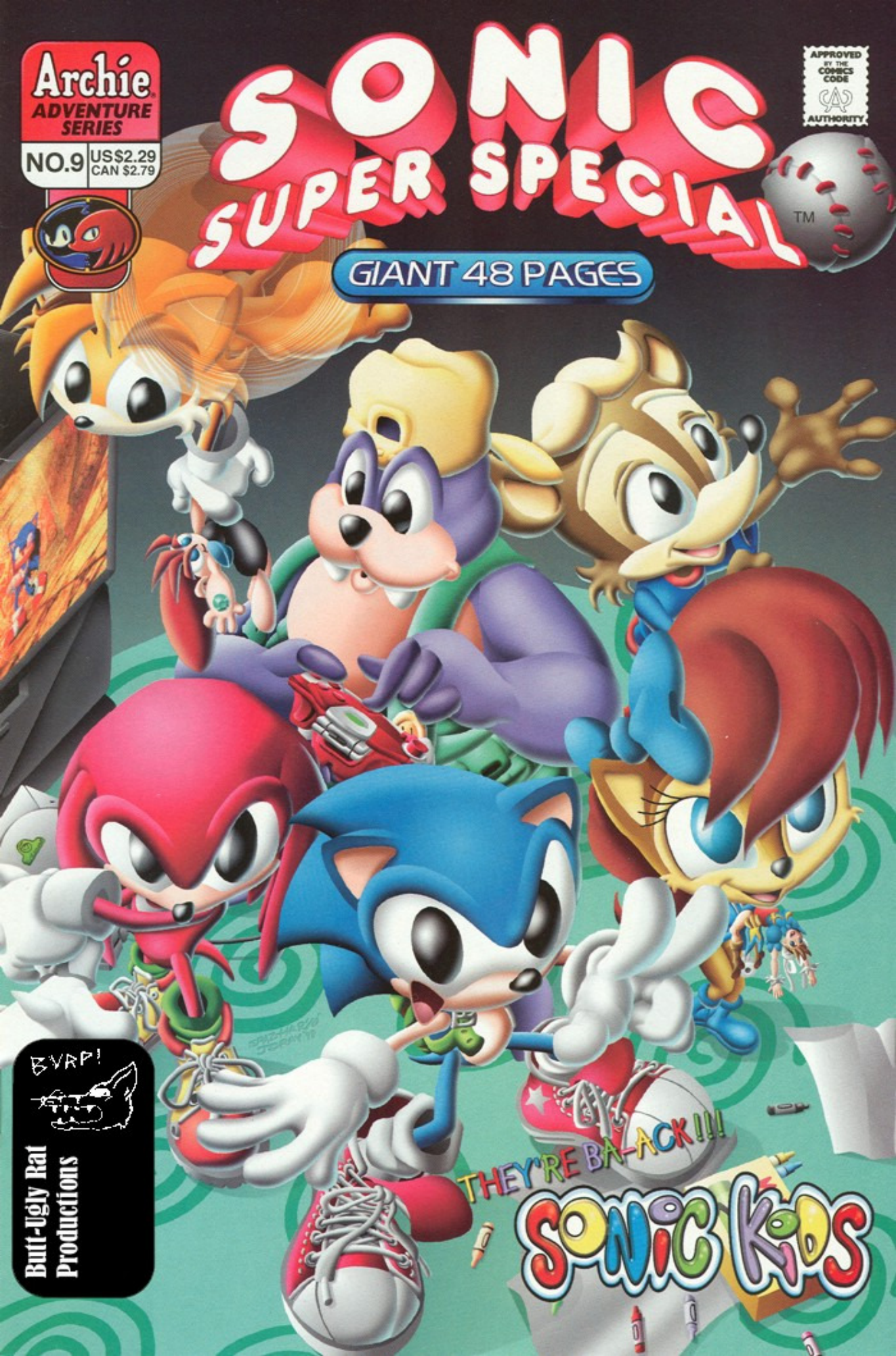

Archie
ADVENTURE SERIES
NO.9
US$2.29
CAN $2.79
SONIC
SUPER SPECIAL
TM
APPROVED BY THE COMICS CODE AUTHORITY
GIANT 48 PAGES
BVRP!
Butt-Ugly Rat Productions
THEY'RE BA-ACK!!!
SONIC KIDS

SONIC SUPER SPECIAL

SONIC KIDS 2

Written by Michael Gallagher

"Zoneward Bound"

Illustrated by Sam Maxwell
and Harvey Mercadoocasio
Colored by Joshua D. and Aimee R. Ray

"My Secret Guardian"

Illustrated by Manny Galan
and Jim Amash
Colored by Joshua D. and Aimee R. Ray

"Eve of Destruction"

Illustrated by Art Mawhinney
and Rich Koslowski
Colored by Barry Grossman

Lettered by Vickie Williams

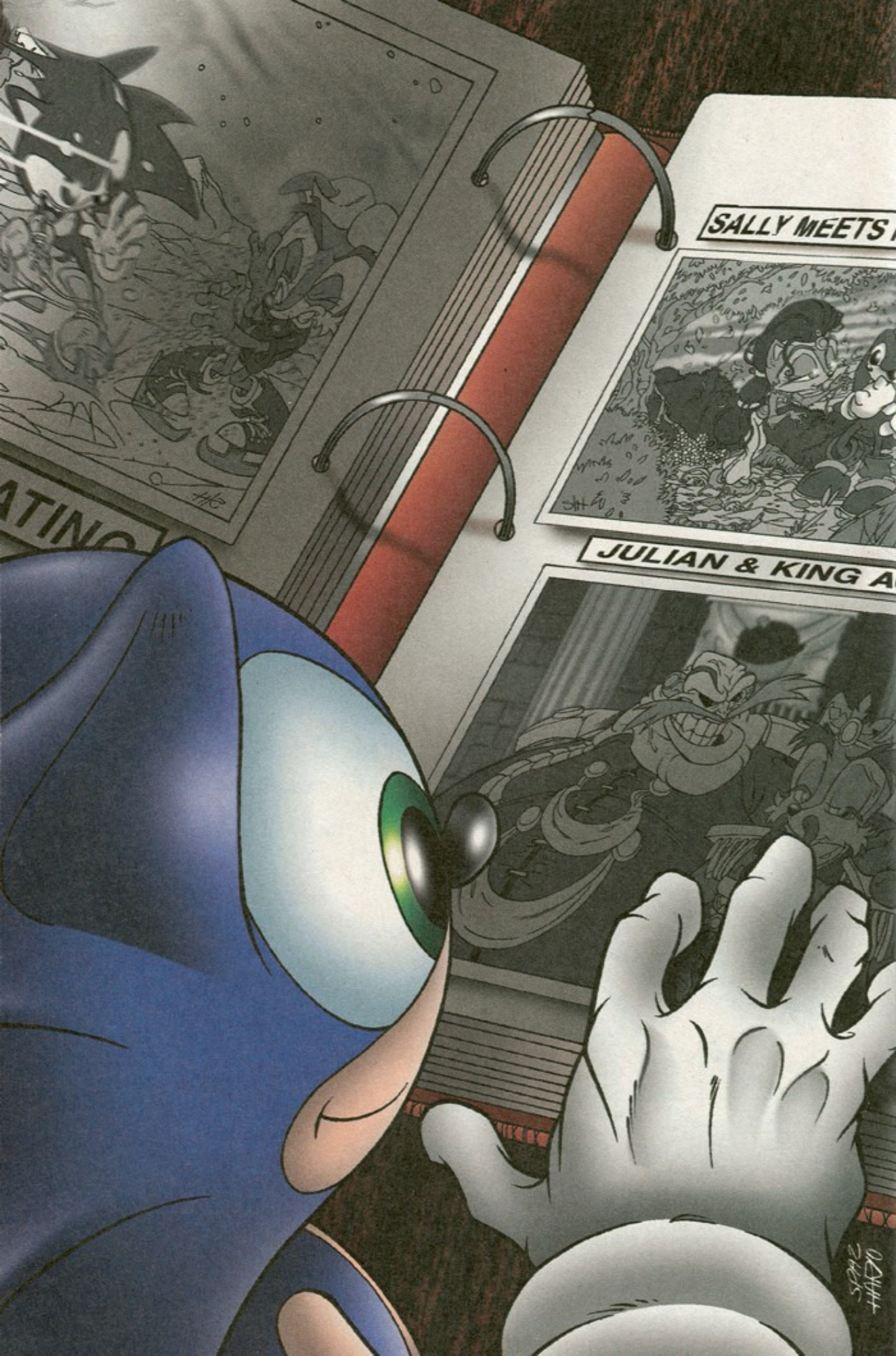
Color separated by
Joshua D. and Aimee R. Ray

Editor/Art Director	J.F. Gabrie
Managing Editor	Victor Gorelick
Editor-In-Chief	Richard Goldwater

SONIC SUPER SPECIAL, No. 9, 1999. Published quarterly by Archie Comic Publications, Inc., 325 Fayette Avenue, Mamaroneck, NY 10543-2318. Richard H. Goldwater, President and Co-Publisher, Michael I. Silberkleit, Chairman and Co-Publisher. Single copies $2.29 in the U.S.; $2.79 in Canada.

SEGA is registered with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. Sonic The Hedgehog and all related characters and indicia are trademarks of SEGA. © 1999 SEGA. All rights reserved. Used with permission. Any similarities between characters, names, persons, and/or institutions in this book and any living, dead, or fictional characters, names, persons, and/or institutions are not intended and if they exist, are purely coincidental. Title registered in U.S. patent office.

POSTMASTER, send address changes to SONIC SUPER SPECIAL, c/o Archie Comic Publications, Inc., 325 Fayette Avenue, Mamaroneck, NY 10543-2318. Printed in Canada


SALLY MEETS
JULIAN & KING A

SONIC KIDS in: ZONEWARD BOUND
PART ONE
ONE WINTER'S MORNING, IN KNOTHOLE VILLAGE...
WE MAKE A GREAT TEAM, SONIC--SNOW DOUBT ABOUT IT!
YOU BETCHA, LITTLE BUDDY! JUST KEEP SPINNING THOSE TAILS 'TIL ANTOINE CRIES "UNCLE!"
ALORS! ZIS IS MY WATERLOO!
YOU'RE A WIZARD WHEN IT COMES TO BUILDING THINGS, BOOMER!
THANKS, PRINCESS... BUT CALL ME ROTOR. I'M GETTIN' TOO OLD TO BE CALLED BOOMER ANYMORE.
BOMBS AWAY!

WAY TO GO, ROTOR!
chuckle HE LOOKS LIKE AN ICE CREAM SUNDAE!
HE NEEDS A CHERRY ON TOP!
mumble --SPUTTER-- hrmf
HERE, I'LL DO-OOO--WHOOPP! I SLIPPED ON THE ICE!
ZIIIIIIING...
UH-OH... MY SHOT SAILED WIDE!
EEEEEEEEEK!
OH, DEAR... YOU HIT ROSIE!
SPLAT!
ALL RIGHT, YOU YOUNG HOOLIGANS--
WAIT, ROSIE... IT WAS AN ACCIDENT!
EET IS SALLY'S 'AU PAIR!'*
I ONLY SEE ONE OF HER!
* ED. NOTE: MEANING "NANNY" IN FRENCH--FRENCHIE GABRIE

PRINCESS SALLY, I WOULD THINK YOU'D KNOW BETTER.
I KNOW, ROSIE... ≥sniffle≤ I'M SORRY.
I WAS J-JUST ≥SOB≤ PLAYING WITH MY F-FRIENDS ≥choke≤ TO KEEP FROM TH-THINKING ABOUT--D-D-DADDY ...≥boo-hoo-hoo!≤
AH, THERE NOW, MY DEAR... I'M SORRY IF I LOST MY TEMPER...
AND WE'RE SORRY TOO, ROSIE...
BUCK UP, SALLY--WE'RE WITH YOU ALL THE WAY!
TH-THANKS! ≥sniffle≤ YOU'RE SUH-SUCH GOOD FRIENDS!
Ahh... I'VE GOT AN IDEA!
I'M SURE THE POND BY THE OLD WISHING WELL IS FROZEN OVER. WHY DON'T YOU GO SKATING? I'LL BRING A SNACK DOWN LATER, OKAY?
OKAY!

HERE COMES SONIC UP THE ICE...
A BEAUTIFUL PASS TO SONIC... HE TAKES THE SLAP SHOT--
OH, WHAT A SAVE BY SONIC! LOOSE PUCK IN FRONT OF THE NET--
SONIC TAKES THE REBOUND-- HE SHOOTS-- HE SCORES!
C'MON... WE WANT TO PLAY, TOO!
SIGH MUST HE GO ZAT FAST?

NICE GOING, SONIC! YOU CREATED SO MUCH FRICTION, YOU MELTED THE ICE!
BUT IT'S GONNA RE-FREEZE PRETTY QUICKLY... LET'S GET TO SHORE!
YOU'RE GETTING ZAT FLYING MOVE DOWN, TAILS!*
MEET YOU OVER THERE!
OOOPS... *heh heh* SORRY...

*YOU SAW TAILS' FIRST FLIGHT IN SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #5 -- www.freditor.com.

I THOUGHT ROSIE WAS BRINGING A SNACK... I'M HUNGRY!
SHE WILL SOON.
WELL, I NEED A DRINK OF WATER!
* TRUE BLUE SONIC CREW QUESTION: WHEN WAS THE FIRST TIME WE SAW SONIC AT THIS WELL? FIRST TEN CORRECT REPLIES WILL SEE THEIR NAMES IN SONIC-GRAMS -- JFG
≥unnnnngh!≤ THIS THING IS FROZEN-- GIMME A HAND, BOOM BOX!
COMING--
≥MMMMF!≤ C'MON--PUT YOUR WEIGHT INTO IT!
I-- ≥URG!≤ AM!
POP!
AAAGH! DON'T PUT YOUR WEIGHT ONTO ME!
IT'S LOOSE!
THUD

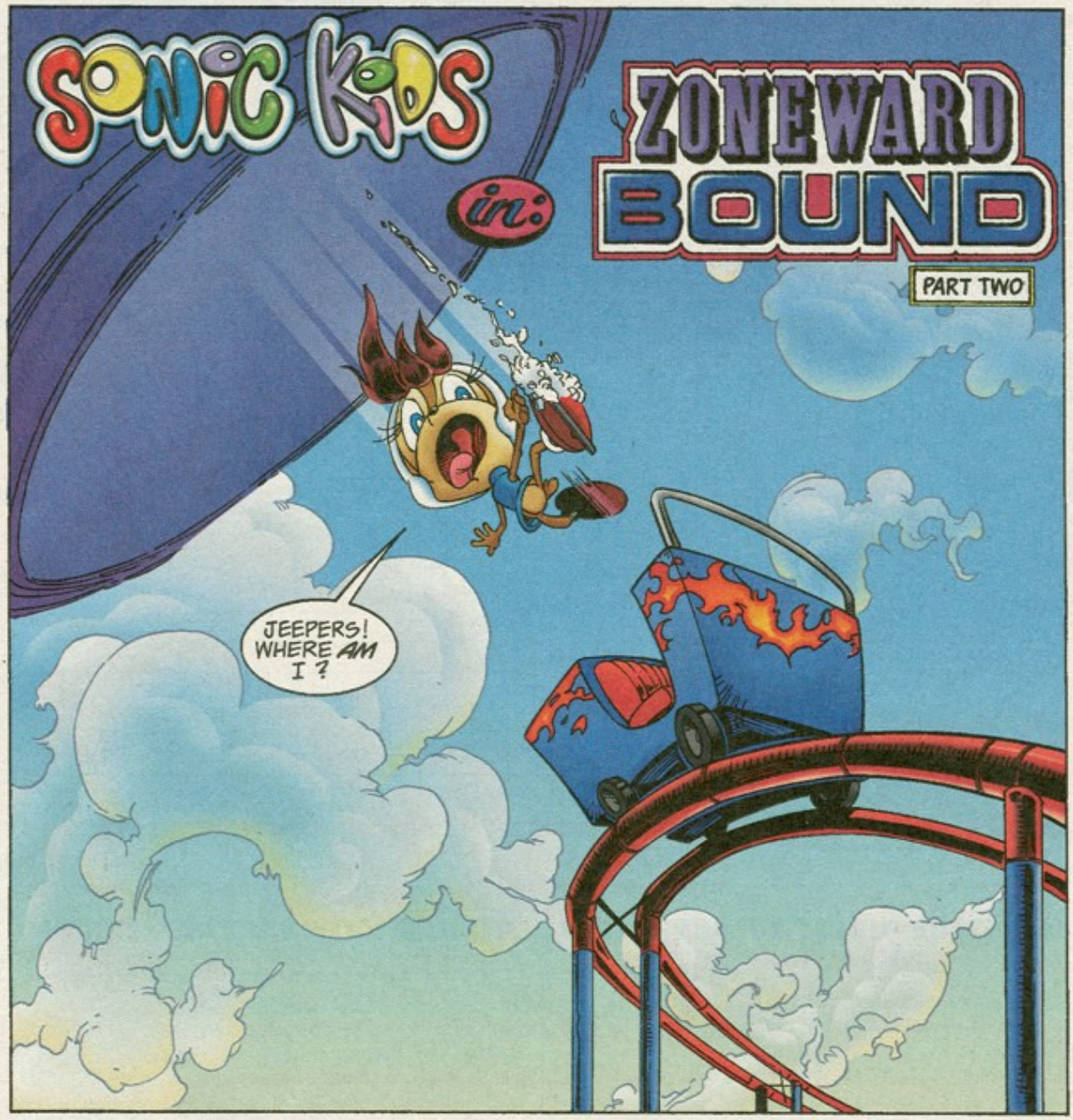
EET LOOKS LIKE... EET IS! A GOLDEN RING!
LOOK! THERE'S SOMETHING FROZEN IN THE WATER!
CURIOUSER AND CURIOUSER...

THINK IT'S WORTH ANYTHING?
I DON'T KNOW... WE'LL BRING IT HOME, DEFROST IT AND CHECK IT OUT.
HEY, COME ON! THE POND'S FROZEN AGAIN!

LET'S GO! WE'LL DO THE WHIP!
ALL RIGHT!

EVERYBODY GET A GOOD GRIP!
NOT TOO FAST NOW, SONIC!
JUST HANG ON TIGHT, BOYS AND GIRLS!

HERE WE GO!
WHIP IT!
WHEEEEEE!
WHIP IT GOOD!
YOU MUST WHEEP EET!
OH, NON!
WE'RE OUT OF CONTROL!
SONIC-- STOP!
I CAN'T!
LOOK-- UP AHEAD... GLOWING CIRCLES!
WHAT IN BLUE BLAZES?--
THERE'S NO WAY TO STOP--
WE'RE GOING IN-- HANG ON, GUYS!


SONIC KIDS
in:
ZONEWARD BOUND
PART TWO
JEEPERS! WHERE AM I?

OOOOF!
WHEREVER IT IS, I'VE ARRIVED!

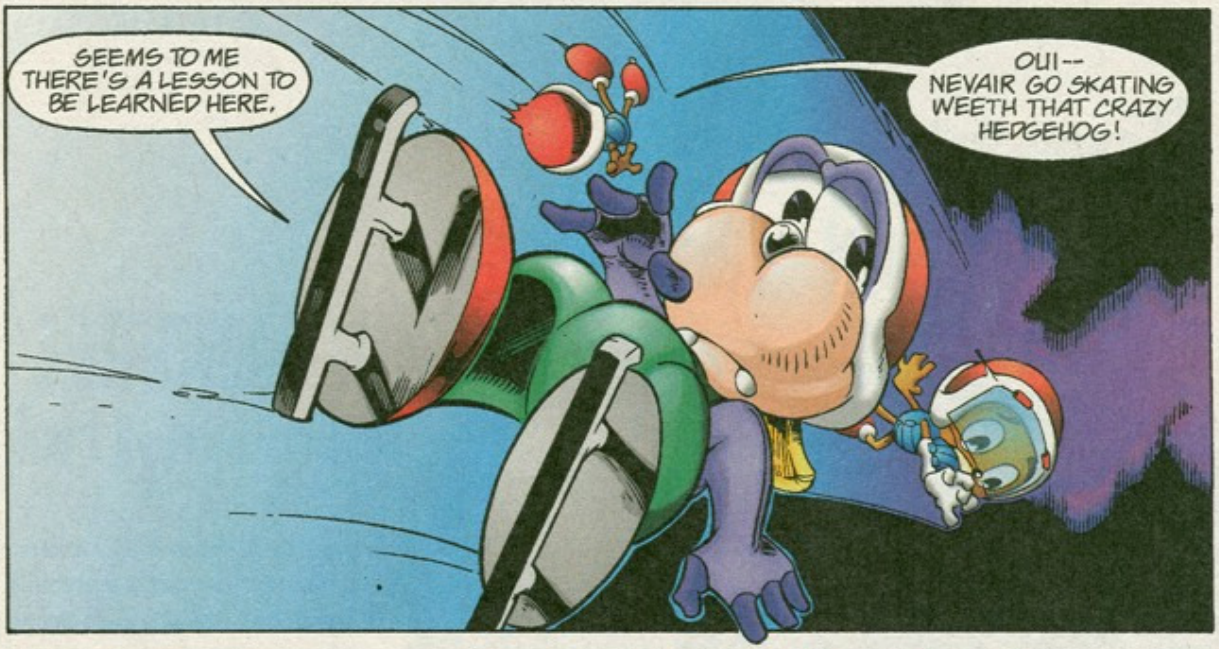
UH-OH... IS THIS TRIP NECESSAREEE
EEEEEEEEE...
WHOA! IT ALMOST THREW ME!
HEY! I DON'T LIKE BEING JERKED AROUND!
I'M PRINCESS SALLY ACORN... I MAY BE THE NEW RULER OF MOBIUS A LOT SOONER THAN I EXPECTED! I'VE GOT TO GET A GRIP ON MY SITUATION AND FAST!

THERE! THAT'S BETTER... JULAYLA* TAUGHT ME THAT A LEADER NEEDS TO MAINTAIN CONTROL AT ALL TIMES!
Hmmm--IS THAT SOMETHING ON THE HORIZON?
IT LOOKS LIKE ... NO-- IT COULDN'T BE!
DADDY! IT IS YOU!
* JULAYLA IS SALLY'S TUTOR, SEEN ELSEWHERE IN THIS ISSUE--EDDY TOR.

DADDY! WHY IS YOUR FACE MADE OUT OF GREEN CRYSTAL? WHAT DOES THIS MEAN? PLEASE ANSWER ME!

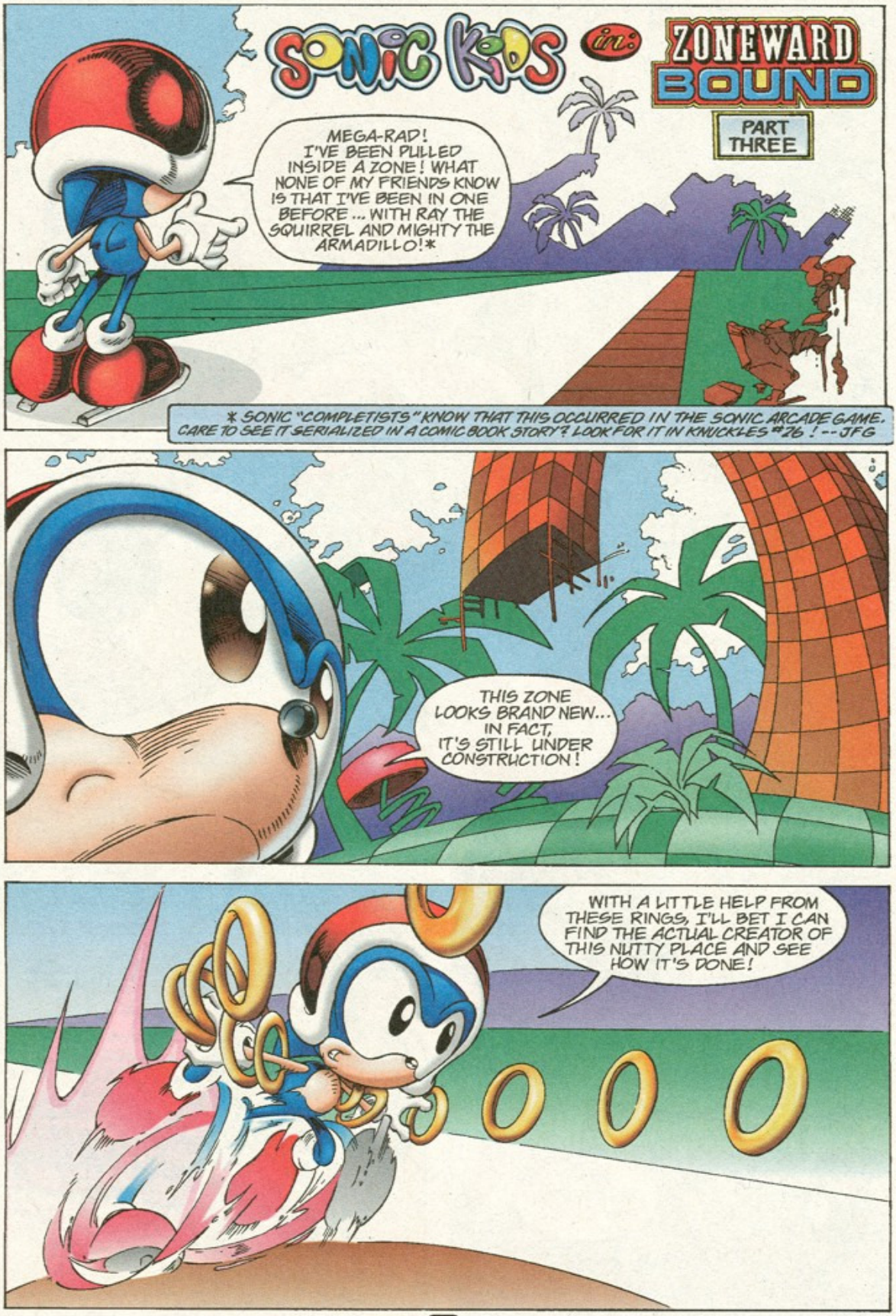
MY WHOLE WORLD IS SHATTERED!
BUT IT'S MY DUTY TO CARRY ON AND DO MY BEST!
I HOPE THAT MY FELLOW "FREEDOM FIGHTERS" AND I ARE UP TO THE CHALLENGE!

I AM YOU-- AND YOU ARE ME!
WE ARE ALL TOGETHER!
I AM THE WALRUS-- AT LEAST I WAS!
WE'VE GOT TO STOP MEETING LIKE THIS!
GUYS, I THINK WE'VE BEEN TRANSPORTED INTO SOME KIND OF WEIRD ZONE.
WE CAN ALL AGREE ON THAT...
ZEE IMPORTANT THING EES...I THINK I SEE ZEE EXIT!


SEEMS TO ME THERE'S A LESSON TO BE LEARNED HERE.
OUI-- NEVAIR GO SKATING WEETH THAT CRAZY HEDGEHOG!

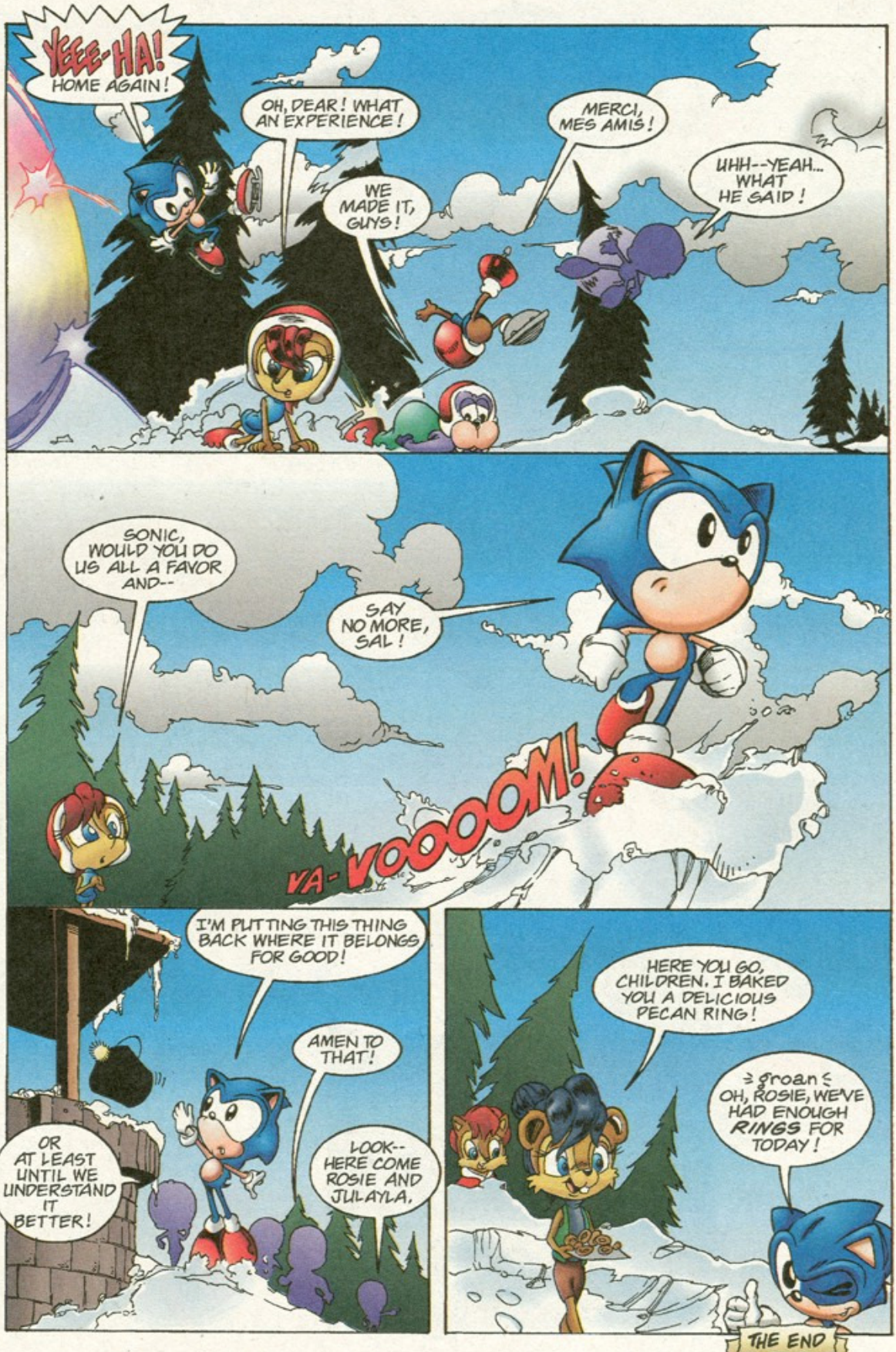
NO, BOOMER'S RIGHT-- I MEAN, ROTOR'S RIGHT! DON'T YOU SEE? EVEN THOUGH WE GOT ALL SCRAMBLED UP, WE STUCK TOGETHER AND MADE IT... AS A TEAM! I THINK IT'S SOME KIND OF A SIGN!

THE YOUNG CHOSEN ONE DISPLAYS INSIGHT.
INDEED. OUR PATHS WILL CROSS BEFORE LONG.
BUT FOR NOW, THE ANCIENT WALK CONTINUES...*
I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO SONIC?
* YOU RECOGNIZE THE ANCIENT WALKERS, DON'T YOU? THEY FIRST APPEARED IN TRIPLE TROUBLE SPECIAL--ANCIENT EDITOR.


SONIC KIDS in
ZONEWARD BOUND
PART THREE
MEGA-RAD! I'VE BEEN PULLED INSIDE A ZONE! WHAT NONE OF MY FRIENDS KNOW IS THAT I'VE BEEN IN ONE BEFORE... WITH RAY THE SQUIRREL AND MIGHTY THE ARMADILLO!*
* SONIC "COMPLETISTS" KNOW THAT THIS OCCURRED IN THE SONIC ARCADE GAME. CARE TO SEE IT SERIALIZED IN A COMIC BOOK STORY? LOOK FOR IT IN KNUCKLES #26! -- JFG
THIS ZONE LOOKS BRAND NEW... IN FACT, IT'S STILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION!
WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM THESE RINGS, I'LL BET I CAN FIND THE ACTUAL CREATOR OF THIS NUTTY PLACE AND SEE HOW IT'S DONE!

I'M GETTING CLOSE TO THE SOURCE... HEY! MAYBE THAT'S IT AT THE END OF THE HALL. I'LL SPEED UP AND SEE...
HEY-- I KNOW YOU! YOU'RE KING ACORN'S OLD WARLORD... JULIAN!
PLEASE--CALL ME ROBOTNIK! HOW DID YOU GET IN THE ZONE, LITTLE HEDGEHOG?
NEVER MIND THAT! WHY ARE YOU SNOOPING AROUND HERE? I DEMAND TO KNOW!
YOU DEMAND!?! HOW CUTE!
A PITY YOU WON'T BE ALIVE TO-- HEY! WHERE DID HE GO?
YOU'LL HAVE TO BE FASTER THAN THAT, CHUBBSY-UBBSY!
FLUMP!

HERE'S SOMETHING I'VE BEEN WORKING ON... I CALL IT MY "SONIC SPIN!"
KTANG!
DON'T DELAY ME, YOU BLUE BOOB! I WAS JUST ABOUT TO ENCOUNTER THE ZONE'S CREATIVE FORCE! IT'S A PRIMAL SOURCE OF POWER THAT MUST BE MINE!
NO--STOP! DON'T! YOU'VE DAMAGED THE HYPER-DRIVE! IT'S OVERLOADING!
CHUKA DOOOM!
YOU KNOW, I'VE BEEN RE-THINKING THAT IDEA AND I DECIDED THAT IT'S SOMETHING I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO SEE...
AND IF I CAN'T SEE IT, YOU SURE AREN'T GOING TO!
I HATE THAT LITTLE HEDGEHOG!
OKAY, I CAN TAKE A HINT... I KNOW WHEN I'M NOT WANTED!
AND I ALSO KNOW WHAT I WANT... AND THAT'S OUT OF HERE!


YEEE-HA! HOME AGAIN!
OH, DEAR! WHAT AN EXPERIENCE!
WE MADE IT, GUYS!
MERCI, MES AMIS!
UHH--YEAH... WHAT HE SAID!
SONIC, WOULD YOU DO US ALL A FAVOR AND--
SAY NO MORE, SAL!
VA-VOOOOOM!
I'M PUTTING THIS THING BACK WHERE IT BELONGS FOR GOOD!
AMEN TO THAT!
OR AT LEAST UNTIL WE UNDERSTAND IT BETTER!
LOOK-- HERE COME ROSIE AND JULAYLA.
HERE YOU GO, CHILDREN. I BAKED YOU A DELICIOUS PECAN RING!
≥ groan ≤ OH, ROSIE, WE'VE HAD ENOUGH RINGS FOR TODAY!
THE END

SONIC-GRAMS SPECIAL

SO, J.F.... REACTION TO "OFF-PANEL" HAS BEEN POSITIVE?
I'LL SAY, SONIC! FANS AND PROS LOVE IT! EVERYBODY WANTS TO MAKE A "CAMEO APPEARANCE" IN THE STRIP!
SO, TODAY WE'RE VISITING ONE OF OUR PREMIER INKERS, PAM EKLUND!
EEK!
OKAY...MAYBE NOT "EVERYBODY" WANTS TO MAKE A CAMEO...
BUS STOP
PERHAPS IF YOU'D WAITED UNTIL SHE WAS OUT OF THE SHOWER...

OFF PANEL By Gallagher and Manak

THIS JUST IN!

As you can see from the comic strip above, Pam's pretty tough. You can only imagine how scared I was when I did one of my bonehead moves of the month — which was giving credit to inker Jim Amash for two stories Pam Eklund inked. They were the Sonic story "Running On Empty" and Monkey Khan's solo story. Sorry, Pam (now please don't beat me up for real)!

With that said, I'd like to bring a spotlight on next issue's stories in SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #10: "Crossover Chaos," on sale early July: 1) From a story that begins in Sabrina The Teenage Witch #28: Sonic has been mind-controlled by a witch known as The Enchantress. With revenge in mind, she plucks Sonic out of his world and drops him into Sabrina's town of Westbridge to wreak unspeakable havoc. But don't fret, Princess Sally follows him through the portal to team-up with Sabrina and try to reverse the harm. Or is it too late? Story by Michael Gallagher with art by Dave Manak and Dan DeCarlo. 2) Evil Sonic is on the loose again as he collects all the pieces of Giant Borg (last seen way back in SONIC #19 "Night of 1000 Hedgehogs") from different dimensional Sonics. Our Sonic heads him off at the past in an alternate zone where he teams up with the characters from SONIC UNDERGROUND (Based on the cartoon in syndication soon).

Story by Karl Bollers with art by Jim Valentino and Harvo!

So until next time...

Catch you on the flip side!

JF

Note: Due to the overwhelming amount of e-mail and snail mail, it is impossible for us to reply personally to each and every message. However, your opinions are important to us and each message will be read. Also, due to space limitations, some correspondence may be edited. Thanks for understanding!

Send letters to:

SONIC-GRAMS SPECIAL #9

c/o Archie Comics Publications, Inc.

P.O. Box #419

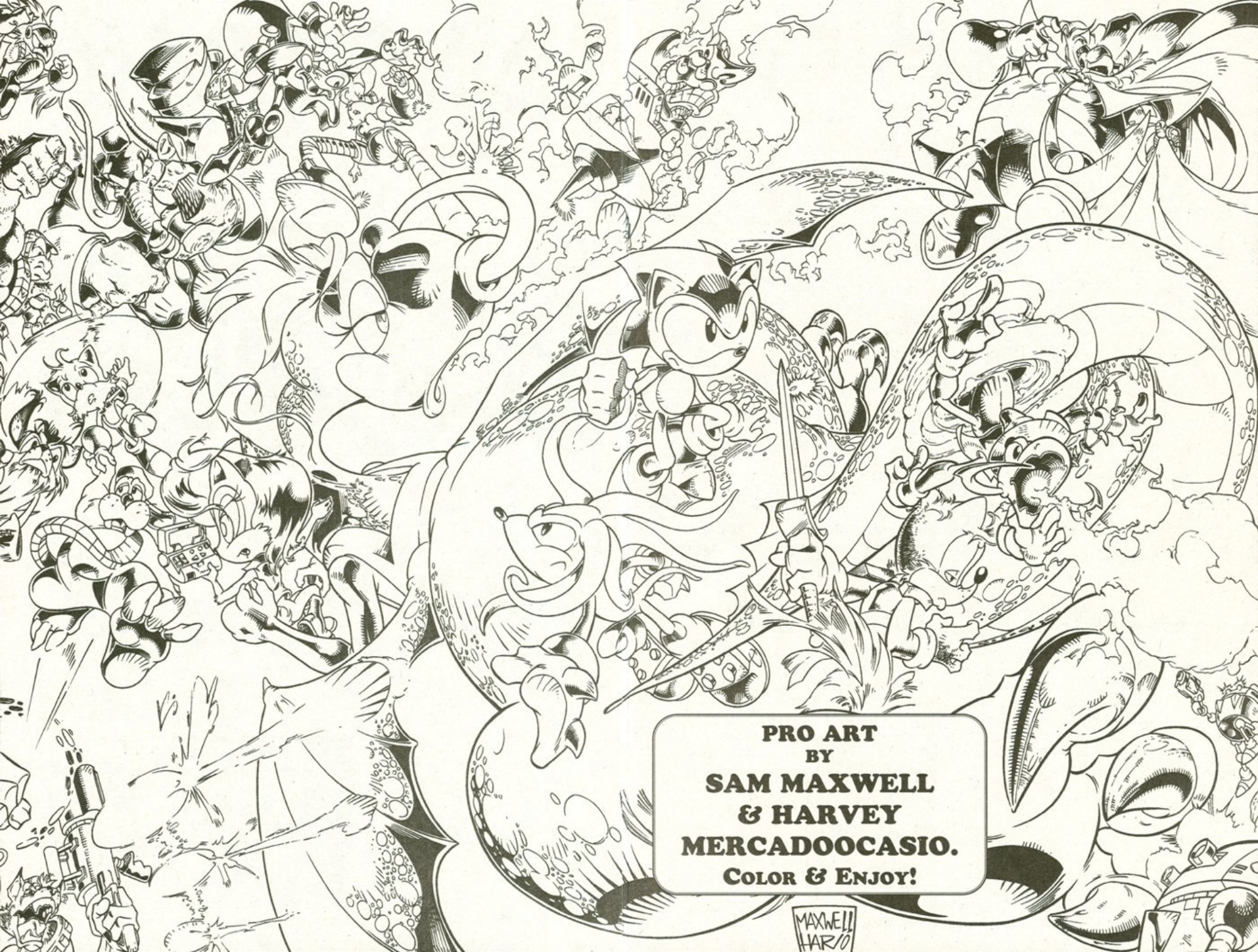
Mamaroneck, NY 10543-0419

E-MAIL ADDRESS:

jfreddyg@archiecomics.com

WEBSITE: www.archiecomics.com

SEGA WEBSITE: www.sega.com


PRO ART
BY
SAM MAXWELL
& HARVEY
MERCADOOCASIO.
COLOR & ENJOY!
MAXWELL
HARVEY

Re: SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #6 (SONIC 50-DIRECTOR'S CUT):

Dear Sonic-Grams,:

I just loved the "Director's Cut." Now the true nature of Robotnik's plans are revealed. I have a few questions about old Flabio: 1) How was Robotnik's arm roboticized? 2) I hope what Uncle Chuck said in SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #2 about Robonik probably coming back (page 16) is not true, but how did Robotnik appear in issue #52? Could he be trying to trick us?

Michael Skumpija
(Age 15)
Howard Beach, NY

Glad you enjoyed SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #6, Michael. 1) The details are sketchy, but it seems it happened soon after Robotnik took over. Rumor has it, Sonic had something to do with it. 2) The Robotnik from issue #52 was from another zone.

Dear Knuckles,

A few weeks ago I read SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #6, also known as "Sonic 50-Director's Cut." Sonic and Knuckles have DONE so many benificiery things for each other that I almost forget they started out not getting along at all! I'm glad you've forgiven each other?

Joel
V.J@pacific.net.sg

That's right, Joel. In fact, there was a time when Knuckles was known as "Sonic's friendly nemesis." How times have changed since SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #13 to finally 'burying the hatchet' in SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #53.

Dear Sonic-Grams Special,

I'm a long-time reader and I absolutely love the art of Patrick "Spaz" Spaziante and Sam Maxwell. Sonic & Knuckles' comics rock! I've read 'SUPER SONIC SPECIAL #6: SONIC 50-DIRECTOR'S CUT' seven times because I couldn't put it down. I felt there wasn't enough Spaz artwork, but there was plenty by Sam Maxwell. Question time: 1) Now that Robotnik's gone (hopefully), will Bunnie get deroboticized? 2) How could Warlord Kodos appear in issue #53 when he was vaporized by Feist in issue #43? 3) Will there be a Downunda Freedom Fighters mini-series? 4) Any plans for a prestige format ENDGAME collection or an ENDGAME animated movie done by the same people who did the ABC cartoon? I heard that there'll be an Image crossover. That'll prove that Sonic isn't a helpless woodland animal. I find that ironic since *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles* was an Archie Adventure Series, then switched over to Image. Until Sonic 75, keep on juicin'!

Toby B. "T-Bone" May (age 16)
Elgin, IL

1) An upcoming story in SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #11 will answer that question once and for all. 2) Simply put, the wizard Ixis Naugus had complete and utter power in that other zone and simply wished him back before embarking on his invasion to Mobius. 3&4) No plans for one. However, as far as the D.F.F. are concerned, they will return soon.

Dear Sonic,

I recently got Sonic Super Special #6. I really enjoyed it; the scenes that were cut from Sonic # 50 were awesome! I've enjoyed all of your 48-page specials. Is SEGA planning on making a new Sonic game for their new system (known as "Katana")? Until then keep on juicin'!

Anthony Randolph
Dillwyn, VA

YES! SEGA will be debuting their new 128-bit system this Fall 1999 here in the U.S.! It is called 'THE DREAMCAST!' One of their new games is, of course, 'SONIC ADVENTURE!" Running at 60 frames per second in a total 3-D environment, (for someone who had the brief privilege of playing it) believe me when I tell you, you haven't seen anything like this! Even on the Playstation! NO JOKE!!!

Well, that's all for now. Thanks to everyone who wrote in so until next issue...

Keep it real!

Cover by Patrick Spaziante and Harvey Mercadoocasio. Colors and separations by Josh D. Ray.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

In one week: The cover says it all: Knuckles comes face-to-face with his father. "Childhood's End" is one story you do not want to miss. It is a story all Knuckles fans have been wanting to see since issue #1... and now it's finally here. Knuckles' 25th anniversary issue is written by Ken Penders with art by Manny Galan and Andrew Pepoy! KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA #25 on sale early April 1999!

In three weeks: This issue contains the full and undisclosed life-story of Doctor Robotnik from an unexpected point-of-view. "I, Robotnik!" is written by Karl Bollers with art by Steven Butler and Pam Eklund! Also in this issue: Part One of "Tales of the Great War!" By Knuckles writer Ken Penders with art by Art Mawhinney and Jim Amash. SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #72 on sale late April 1999! Don't miss it!

PRINCESS Sally in: My Secret Guardian
OH, DEAR... DID YOU REMEMBER TO PACK HER VITAMINS, ROSIE?
I DID, JULAYLA... THEY'RE IN ONE OF THE HALF DOZEN SUITCASES OF HER CLOTHES!
GOOD HEAVENS, LADIES! WE'RE ONLY GOING TO BE GONE A FEW DAYS!
HURRY UP, DADDY! LET'S GO NOW! I CAN'T WAIT FOR OUR TRIP TO START!
I'M SO EXCITED! WE NEVER GET TO BE ALONE TOGETHER!
I KNOW, SWEETHEART. BEING KING TAKES MOST OF MY TIME...BUT BEING KING ALSO MEANS YOU CAN GIVE YOURSELF A VACATION WHENEVER YOU WANT!
1

SOME TIME LATER...
Ahhh--I NEEDED TO GET AWAY, IT'S BEEN SO BUSY LATELY... WARLORD JULIAN AND HIS ODD LITTLE ASSISTANT, SNIVELY... ALSO, SIR CHARLES' INVENTIONS--
THAT'S MY FRIEND SONIC'S UNCLE!
BUT ENOUGH SHOP TALK! LET'S DISCUSS OUR VACATION.
YES! WHERE ARE WE GOING?
A SECRET PLACE KNOWN ONLY TO KINGS... AND PERHAPS, FUTURE QUEENS!
THAT'S IF ELIAS AND ALICIA MET WITH -- NO! I CAN'T EVEN THINK IT!
FOR NOW, AT LEAST, SALLY MUSTN'T LEARN THE TRUE REASON FOR THIS TRIP! SHE'S BEEN THROUGH ENOUGH.
EVEN THE COLONEL AND MRS. SOMMERSBY CAN'T KNOW WE'RE COMING!
ESPECIALLY CONSIDERING WHO I NEED TO SEE!
AND LO AND BEHOLD-- THERE IT IS--DEAD AHEAD!
OH, WOW!

GASP! IT--IT'S A FLOATING ISLAND!
EXACTLY! AND WE'RE GOING TO SPEND THE NEXT FEW DAYS EXPLORING IT!
Hmmm-- VISITORS!
3

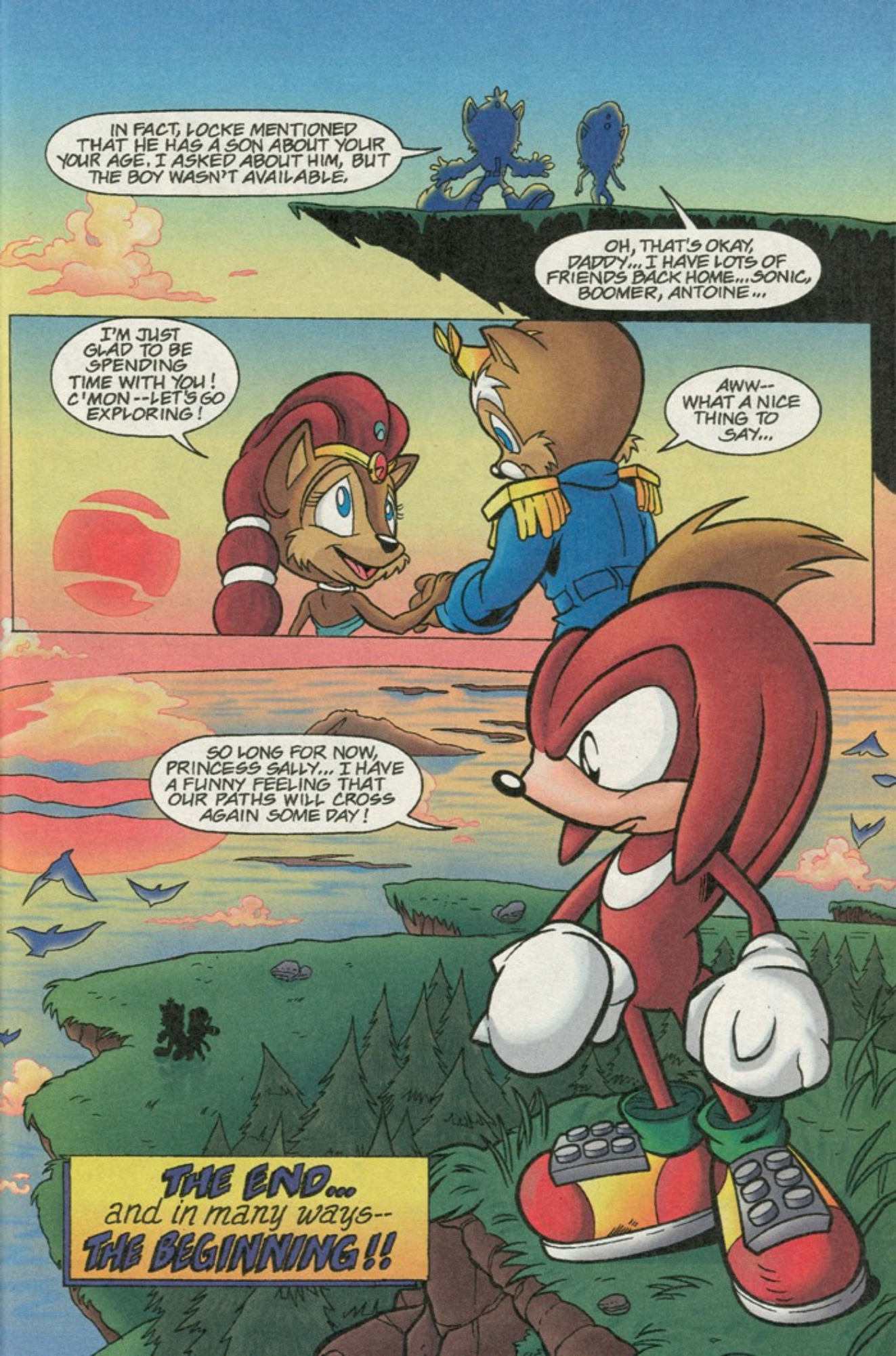
THIS IS AMAZING! WHAT KEEPS THE ISLAND IN THE AIR? WHERE DID IT COME FROM? HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN LIKE THIS?
AH, THIS PLACE HAS A LONG HISTORY INDEED, DAUGHTER... BUT WE'LL TALK ABOUT THAT LATER. LET'S DISEMBARK.
LOOK AT THESE COOL PLANTS! DID I JUST HEAR SOMETHING IN THE BUSHES? WHAT KIND OF ANIMALS LIVE HERE?
Hmmm-- SPEAKING OF NATIVE CREATURES...
PROTOCOL DICTATES THAT I PAY MY RESPECTS TO THE OFFICIAL GUARDIAN OF THIS ISLAND.
BUT, DADDY--YOU PROMISED YOU WOULDN'T HAVE ANY BUSINESS MEETINGS ON OUR TRIP!
JUST THIS ONE, SALLY. IT WON'T TAKE LONG, I PROMISE. THEN IT'LL JUST BE YOU AND ME, WANDER AROUND HERE AND EXPLORE-- I'LL BE BACK SOON.
OOOOHHHH... ALL RIGHT!

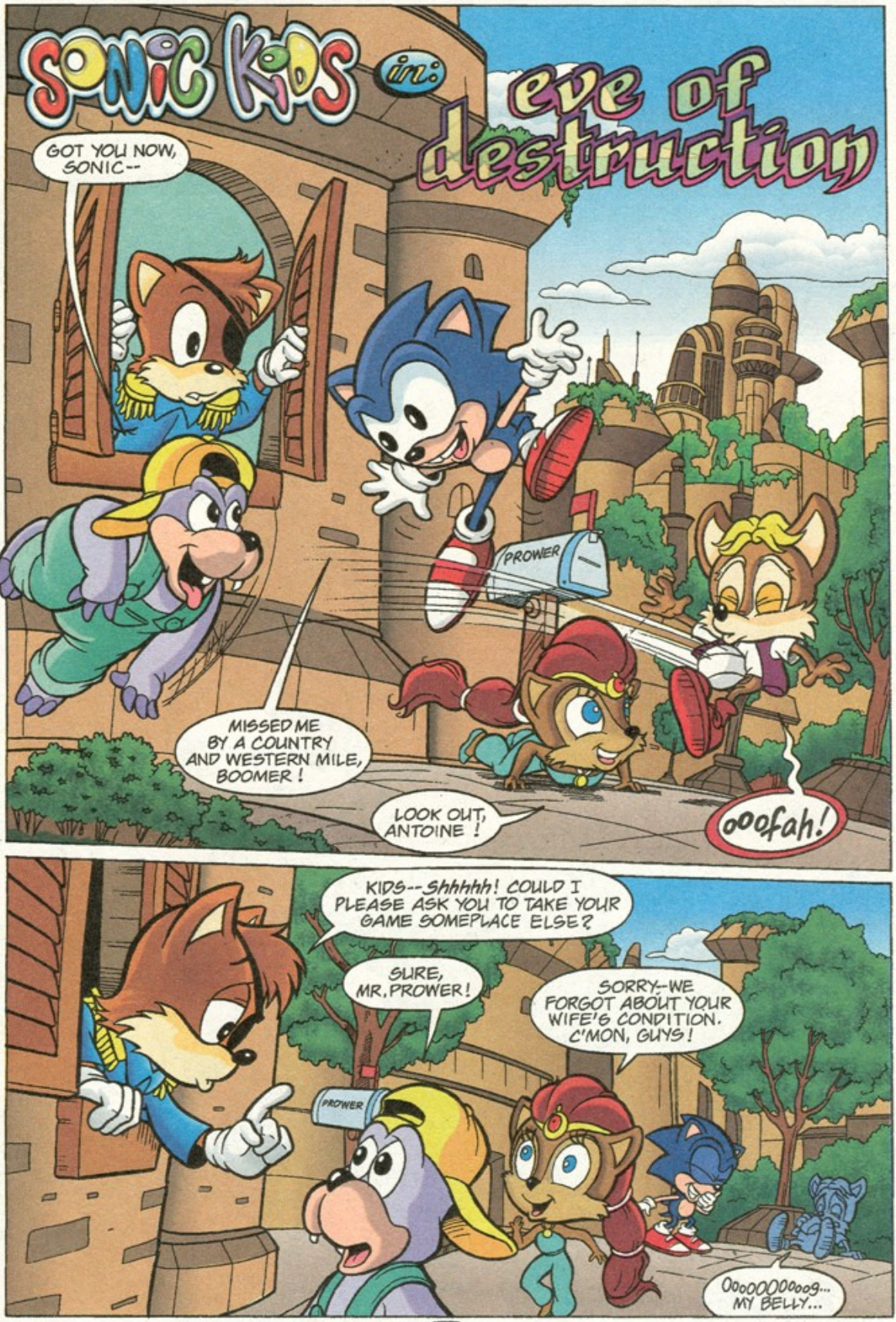
HARUMPH! WHEN I'M IN CHARGE OF MOBIUS, I WON'T LET MY ROYAL DUTIES INTERFERE WITH HAVING FUN!
I ALSO WON'T LET SOMEONE-- OR SOMETHING SNEAK UP ON ME IN THE BUSHES...
NOBODY GETS THE DROP ON ME--
--INCLUDING YOU, STRANGER-- COME OUT OF THERE NOW!
I'VE BEEN FIELD COMBAT TRAINED SINCE BEFORE I COULD WALK.
OKAY!
WHO ARE YOU?
THAT'S FUNNY! I WAS ABOUT TO ASK YOU THE SAME, SISTER!
I'M NOT YOUR SISTER--I'M AN ONLY CHILD... THE ONLY CHILD OF KING ACORN, RULER OF PLANET MOBIUS AND HEIR TO HIS THRONE!
WELL, I'M KNUCKLES, SON OF LOCKE AND NEXT IN LINE TO BE THE GUARDIAN OF THIS FLOATING ISLAND!

REALIZING HOW MUCH THEY HAVE IN COMMON, PRINCESS SALLY AND KNUCKLES BECAME FAST FRIENDS...
SO, YOU'RE VIOLATING YOUR APPRENTICESHIP RULES BY JUST TALKING TO ME? THAT'S PRETTY STRICT. YOUR DUTIES SOUND ALMOST AS DIFFICULT AS MINE!
ARE YOU KIDDING? I'VE GOT IT MUCH TOUGHER. I DON'T GET TO GO ON FRIVOLOUS VACATIONS LIKE YOU!
OH, DON'T BE SILLY! YOU CAN'T COMPARE RULING THE WHOLE PLANET TO GUARDING THIS SILLY LITTLE ISLAND!
"SILLY LITTLE"--HEY! WHO ARE YOU SHOVING?
KEEP YOUR HANDS AND YOUR SNOTTY REMARKS ABOUT MY HOME TO YOURSELF!
OOOF!
YOU JUST MADE A BIG MISTAKE, RED HOT SHOT!
MY MENTOR, JULAYLA, HAS TAUGHT ME A LOT OF THINGS-- INCLUDING THIS "FLIP BACK KICK!"*
AAAAAGH!
FLUMP!
* YEARS FROM NOW, SALLY WILL USE THIS SAME MOVE ON KNUX. DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN IT WAS--OR RATHER WHEN IT WILL BE? WRITE SONIC GRAMS AND GET A SPECIAL MENTION ON AN UPCOMING LETTERS PAGE! --THE ALL-SEEING, ALL KNOWING FREDITOR.

GOSH, I DIDN'T MEAN TO KNOCK YOU OVER THE EDGE! QUICK--GRAB MY HAND!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME WHEN YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S GONNA NEED A HAND, PRINCESS--
--AFTER I MASH YOUR ROYAL SELF INTO THIS TREE TRUNK!
WHOOP-- SHE DUCKED!
YEOW!
OH, MAN, I'M SORRY! I LOST MY TEMPER AND DAMAGED A PART OF THE ISLAND'S ECO-SYSTEM!
NO, I STARTED IT! :SOB: SOME FUTURE QUEEN I AM! I CAN'T EVEN GET ALONG WITH A NEW FRIEND...AND NOW THIS TREE IS DESTROYED!
KNUCKLES! IS THAT YOU THRASHING AROUND IN THE WOODS? WHERE ARE YOU, SON?
UH-OH! IT'S MY DAD! IF HE SEES YOU, HE'LL KNOW I BROKE MY GUARDIAN TRAINING RULES!
DON'T WORRY-- I'LL HIDE, WE'LL MAKE A PACT TO KEEP OUR MEETING A SECRET BETWEEN US, OKAY? NO MATTER WHAT.
IT'S A DEAL... THANKS, PRINCESS!
YOU'RE WELCOME-- AND CALL ME SALLY!

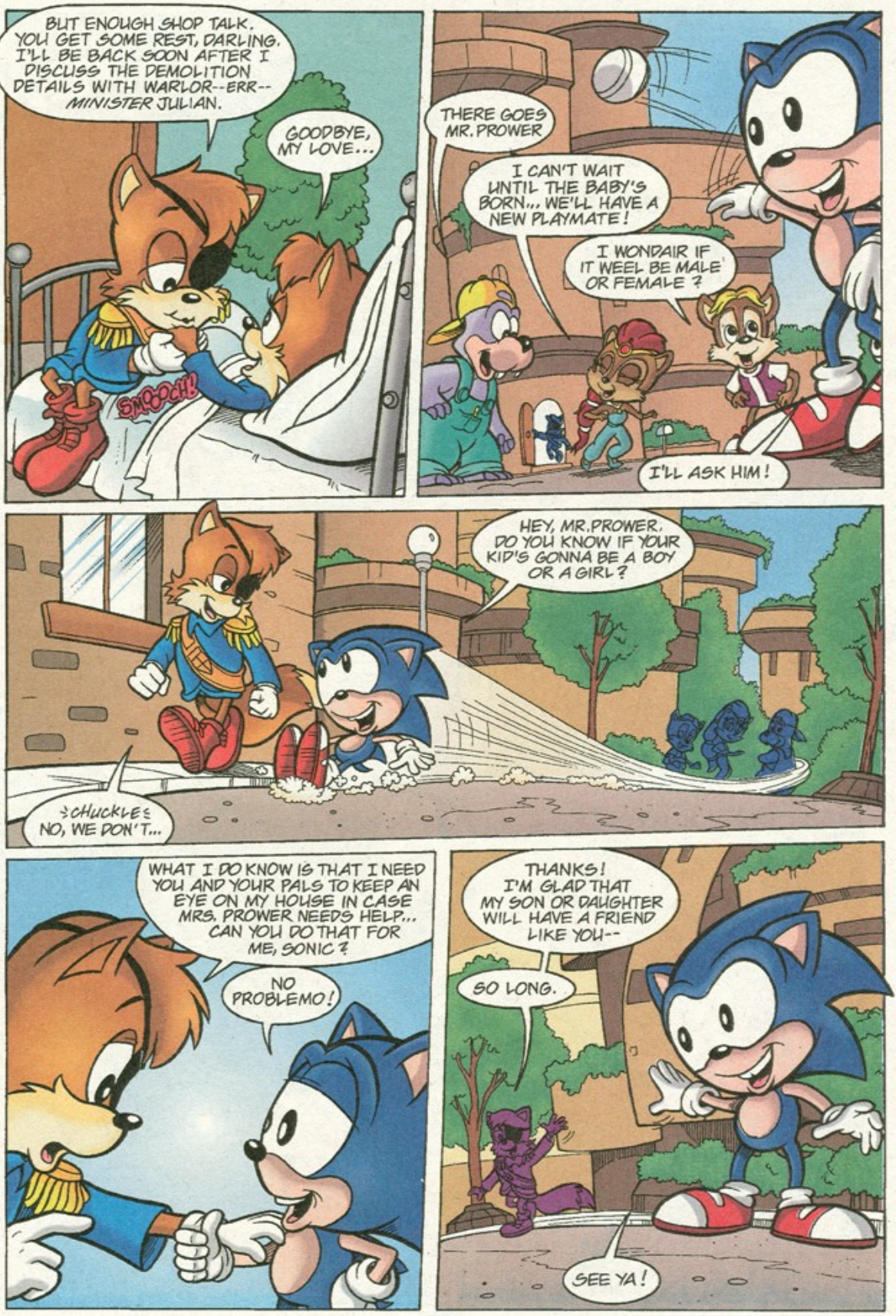
COME ON, BOY! YOU'VE GOT SIX MORE CHAPTERS TO RECITE FROM THE BOOK OF MYTHS!
Uhhh--RIGHT! COMING, DAD...
≥CHOKE≤ I WISH WE DIDN'T HAVE TO HIDE OUR FRIENDSHIP...
I HOPE THIS ISN'T AN OMEN THAT I'M DESTINED TO HAVE THOSE I LOVE TAKEN FROM ME. ≥SNIFFLE≤ I'D HATE IT IF I LOST MY TEACHERS, FRIENDS, OR ESPECIALLY--
SEE, I TOLD YOU I WOULDN'T BE LONG, SWEETHEART. GIVE ME A HUG!
--DADDY!
OH, I'M SO GLAD NOTHING HAPPENED TO YOU!
DON'T BE SILLY, SALLY! AS I TOLD YOU, I JUST WENT TO VISIT THE GUARDIAN OF THE FLOATING ISLAND. HE'S A VERY NICE ECHIDNA.


IN FACT, LOCKE MENTIONED THAT HE HAS A SON ABOUT YOUR YOUR AGE. I ASKED ABOUT HIM, BUT THE BOY WASN'T AVAILABLE.
OH, THAT'S OKAY, DADDY... I HAVE LOTS OF FRIENDS BACK HOME... SONIC, BOOMER, ANTOINE...
I'M JUST GLAD TO BE SPENDING TIME WITH YOU! C'MON--LET'S GO EXPLORING!
AWW-- WHAT A NICE THING TO SAY...
SO LONG FOR NOW, PRINCESS SALLY... I HAVE A FUNNY FEELING THAT OUR PATHS WILL CROSS AGAIN SOME DAY!
THE END... and in many ways-- THE BEGINNING!!


SONIC KIDS in: eve of destruction
GOT YOU NOW, SONIC--
PROWER
MISSED ME BY A COUNTRY AND WESTERN MILE, BOOMER!
LOOK OUT, ANTOINE!
ooofah!
KIDS--Shhhhh! COULD I PLEASE ASK YOU TO TAKE YOUR GAME SOMEPLACE ELSE?
SURE, MR. PROWER!
SORRY--WE FORGOT ABOUT YOUR WIFE'S CONDITION. C'MON, GUYS!
PROWER
Oooooooooog... MY BELLY...

WHAT'S WRONG WITH MRS. PROWER?
SHE'S GOT A BABY IN HER TUMMY. IT'S GOING TO BE BORN ANY DAY NOW!
OH, SO SHE LOOKS LIKE ANTOINE DOES?
VERY FUNNY... Ha Ha-- OW! IT HURTS WHEN I LAUGH!
=CHUCKLE!= KIDS ARE SO CUTE! I'M REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO BEING A FATHER...
AMADEUS...
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO CHASE THE CHILDREN AWAY.
THEY UNDERSTOOD, ROSEMARY. BESIDES, YOU SHOULD GET SOME REST WHILE I'M ON DUTY.
I WISH YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO GO TO WORK TODAY. THE BABY COULD COME ANY TIME NOW...
I'M SORRY, DARLING, BUT DUTY CALLS.

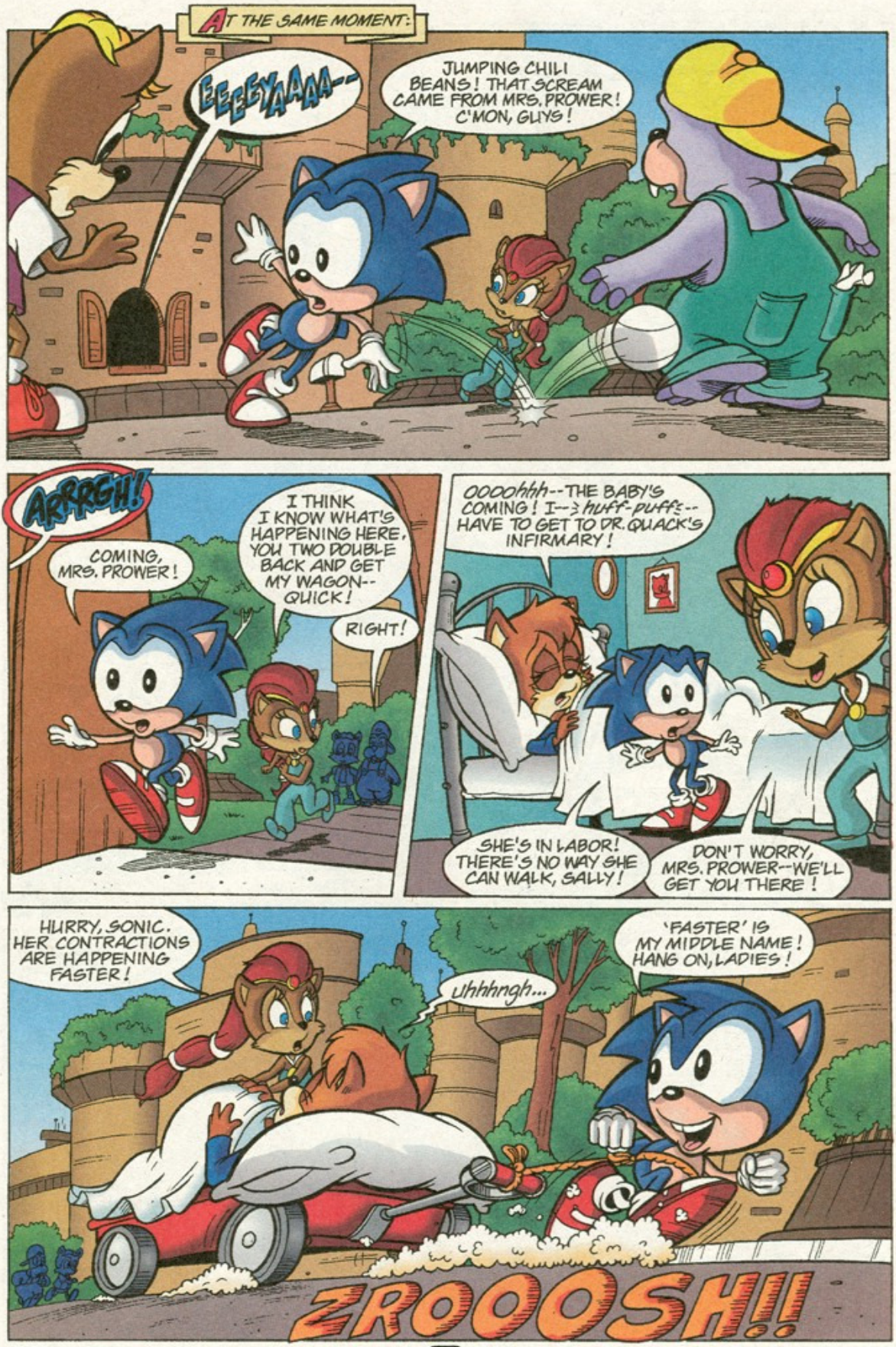
AS SECOND IN COMMAND OF THE ROYAL GUARD, KING ACORN HAS CHARGED ME WITH OVERSEEING THE DISMANTLING OPERATION.
WHAT'S THAT ?
KING ACORN HAS ANNOUNCED THE DISSOLUTION OF THE MOBIAN MILITARY.
HE JUST APPOINTED WARLORD JULIAN AS HIS NEW MINISTER OF SCIENCE THIS MORNING.
THERE'LL BE AN OFFICIAL CEREMONY TONIGHT.
BUT WHAT ABOUT THE CURRENT MINISTER ?
THERE HASN'T BEEN ONE SINCE SIR CHARLES SUDDENLY RESIGNED AFTER A CLASSIFIED EXPERIMENT WENT TERRIBLY WRONG RIGHT AFTER THE GREAT WAR. I SOMETIMES WONDER WHY SIR CHARLES QUIT THE COURT AND HAS SINCE BECOME A RESTAURANTEUR.
HOW... ≥YAWN≤... STRANGE.


BUT ENOUGH SHOP TALK. YOU GET SOME REST, DARLING. I'LL BE BACK SOON AFTER I DISCUSS THE DEMOLITION DETAILS WITH WARLOR--ERR-- MINISTER JULIAN.
GOODBYE, MY LOVE...
SMOOCH!
THERE GOES MR. PROWER
I CAN'T WAIT UNTIL THE BABY'S BORN... WE'LL HAVE A NEW PLAYMATE!
I WONDAIR IF IT WEEL BE MALE OR FEMALE?
I'LL ASK HIM!
HEY, MR. PROWER. DO YOU KNOW IF YOUR KID'S GONNA BE A BOY OR A GIRL?
CHUCKLE NO, WE DON'T...
WHAT I DO KNOW IS THAT I NEED YOU AND YOUR PALS TO KEEP AN EYE ON MY HOUSE IN CASE MRS. PROWER NEEDS HELP... CAN YOU DO THAT FOR ME, SONIC?
NO PROBLEMO!
THANKS! I'M GLAD THAT MY SON OR DAUGHTER WILL HAVE A FRIEND LIKE YOU--
SO LONG.
SEE YA!

MEANWHILE...
AT LAST, SNIVELY! SIR CHARLES' LABORATORY IS ALL MINE! OUR MONARCH HAS MADE THE BIGGEST--AND LAST MISTAKE OF HIS REIGN BY ASSIGNING ME TO DECOMMISSION THIS PLACE!
ARE YOU GOING TO ELIMINATE KING ACORN-BALL, UNCLE JULIAN?
NO, THAT WOULD BE FAR TOO SIMPLE. INSTEAD, I SHALL SENTENCE HIS MAJESTY TO AN ETERNITY OF TORTUROUS SOLITUDE INSIDE THE ZONE OF SILENCE! AS I DID WITH WARLORD KODOS.
BUT FIRST THINGS FIRST... SIR CHARLES' MASTERPIECE--THE ROBOTICIZER! HAVE WE PRODUCED A VOLUNTEER, SNIVELY?
RIGHT HERE, OH OVAL ONE!

AT THAT MOMENT, OUTSIDE THE LAB...
NO ADMITTANCE WITHOUT ROYAL GUARD ESCORT. NO EXCEPTIONS, BY ORDER OF KING ACORN.
STRANGE... MINISTER JULIAN WAS SUPPOSED TO MEET ME HERE. HE KNOWS IT'S A VIOLATION TO GO INSIDE UNESCORTED.
WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THERE? I'D BETTER INVESTIGATE!
NO! DON'T-- PLEASE! NOOOO...
IT'S WORKING, SNIVELY! SIR CHARLES' INVENTION TURNS FLESH AND BLOOD INTO NUTS AND BOLTS! BEST OF ALL, FREE WILL IS REPLACED WITH MINDLESS DEVOTION TO ME!
YOUR VILE VISION FOR ENSLAVING PLANET MOBIUS WILL SOON BE REALITY!
BY THE KING'S SWORD! JULIAN AND HIS ASSISTANT ARE TRAITORS! I MUST STOP THEM!
YOUR-WISH-IS-MY-COMMAND.
CACKLE! OH, MY WISH IS ABOUT TO COME TRUE! A WORLD POPULATED BY MECHANICAL CREATURES AND RULED BY ME!
WRONG, OVERLANDER!

JULIAN KINTOBOR OF THE HOUSE OF IVO, YOU'RE UNDER ARREST-- YOU TOO, SNIVELY KINTOBOR. AS FOR THAT HORRID CREATURE YOU JUST CREATED, HE'LL BE 'EXHIBIT A' AT YOUR TREASON TRIAL!
I SINCERELY DOUBT THAT, COMMANDER PROWER... AND PLEASE-- CALL ME "DR. IVO ROBOTNIK!!! "DR. JULIAN KINTOBOR" JUST DOESN'T HAVE THAT RING OF TERROR I WANT IN MY NAME!
ZULP!
YOU SEE, I'VE BEEN PLANNING THIS MUTINY FOR A LONG TIME.
THIS MECHA-BEAVER ISN'T THE FIRST MECHANICAL MINION I'VE CREATED...
I'M WARNING YOU, JULIAN--
--OR ROBOTNIK--OR WHATEVER! STAY STILL OR I'LL BE FORCED TO USE THIS OVERLANDER WEAPON!
ALTHOUGH I DIDN'T COME UP WITH SIR CHARLES' CLEVER ROBOTICIZER, I HAVE PERFECTED A ROBO-PROTOTYPE OF ANOTHER KIND...
FOR THE LAST TIME--
I CALL IT A "SWATBOT!"
EEEEEYAAAA--


AT THE SAME MOMENT:
EEEEYAAAA--
JUMPING CHILI BEANS! THAT SCREAM CAME FROM MRS. PROWER! C'MON, GUYS!
ARRRGH!
COMING, MRS. PROWER!
I THINK I KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE. YOU TWO DOUBLE BACK AND GET MY WAGON-- QUICK!
RIGHT!
OOOOhhh--THE BABY'S COMING! I--> huff-puff<-- HAVE TO GET TO DR. QUACK'S INFIRMARY!
SHE'S IN LABOR! THERE'S NO WAY SHE CAN WALK, SALLY!
DON'T WORRY, MRS. PROWER--WE'LL GET YOU THERE!
HURRY, SONIC. HER CONTRACTIONS ARE HAPPENING FASTER!
Uhhhngh...
'FASTER' IS MY MIDDLE NAME! HANG ON, LADIES!
ZROOOSH!!

A SHORT WHILE LATER:
YOU'RE DOING FINE, MRS. PROWER. YOU GOT HERE JUST IN TIME.
I NEVER WOULD HAVE MADE IT IF IT WASN'T FOR THE PRINCESS AND HER FRIENDS.
YES, I'M VERY PROUD OF YOU, CHILDREN!
THANKS, DADDY!
LET ME SEE MY LATEST SUBJECT... HELLO, LITTLE MILES! Awww--HE HAS YOUR TAIL, ROSEMARY!
ACTUALLY, HE HAS BOTH HIS PARENTS' TAILS!
SACRE-BLEU--DEUX!*
*"TWO" IN FRENCH--LE EDITOR DU GABRIE.
SPEAKING OF THE BOY'S FATHER, WHERE IS AMADEUS?
I CALLED THE LAB, MINISTER JULIAN SAID HE WAS HELPING THEM WITH A PIECE OF EQUIPMENT AND THEY'D BE HERE SOON.
HERE THEY COME!
SORRY WE'RE LATE, COMMANDER PROWER WAS IN--ERR--A CONTAMINATED ROOM... BUT AS SOON AS WE HEARD, WE RUSHED OVER HERE!
WE WANT TO KEEP HIM STERILE SO THERE'S NO RISK TO THE BABY!
A WISE IDEA.
COME SEE YOUR SON, DARLING!

LOOK, MILES-- IT'S YOUR DADDY!
GURGLE COO
AMADEUS? D-DON'T YOU W-WANT TO... Sniffle...
DA-DA?
THERE, THERE, ROSEMARY... BECOMING A FATHER FOR THE FIRST TIME CAN MAKE MEN ACT STRANGELY...
SOB BOO-HOO HOOOO....
Uhhh--YES! WHEN SALLY WAS BORN, I ATE NOTHING BUT BOILED BANANA PEELS FOR A MONTH!
HE'S PROBABLY STILL CONCENTRATING ON WHAT HE WAS DOING AT THE LAB. WE'LL GO BACK WITH HIM. COME ALONG, SNIVELY.
JULIAN, COME SEE ME AFTER THE CEREMONY TONIGHT. AFTER THE DISMANTLING IS FINISHED, THERE WILL BE SEVERAL OTHER MAJOR CHANGES AROUND HERE.
OH, TO BE SURE, YOUR MAJESTY--THERE CERTAINLY WILL!

NICELY PLAYED!
INDEED, SNIVELY! AS OF TONIGHT, THE AGE OF IVO ROBOTNIK IS ABOUT TO COMMENCE! AND THE CHARGE WILL BE LED BY AN ARMY OF MINDLESS, MECHANICAL MINIONS LIKE THIS ONE!
ROBOTNIK'S-- WORK-IS-LAW.
THIS POOR, EXHAUSTED WOMAN HAS CRIED HERSELF TO SLEEP. TSK NOW THE BABY'S FUSSING.
WAAAH-IH! WAAAH-IH!
HERE-- MAY I HOLD HIM?
HEY, LITTLE BUDDY, I CAN TELL YOU AND ME ARE GONNA BE FAST FRIENDS!
GOO-GOO... GIGGLE!
THE END (AND, UNFORTUNATELY, FOR THE CITIZENS OF MOBIUS, IT IS ALSO THE BEGINNING!